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All humans belong to a specific space and time; we are shaped by our particular historical and cultural contingencies. At the same time, our lives reflect the past. We carry with us our collective cultures, religions, ideologies, and histories. In other words, we both reflect and shape the construction of heritage.

The academic study of heritage in South and Southeast Asia encompasses various aspects of culture and religion. The 6th SSEASR Conference aims at encouraging scholars from all parts of the world to delve into the issues of both tangible/intangible heritage in the region: how heritage is interpreted, constructed, and managed, and related problems, such as the rapidly changing values and modes of communication in the culture and religion of South and Southeast Asian religions and cultures.

The Conference also intends to have a Symposium on the **Vestiges of Sri Lankan Heritage**. At the same time, the 6th SSEASR, as in the past, is open to any other academic presentation on culture and religion which are not covered by the subthemes shown below.

Sub-themes

- Defining and Understanding Heritage, notably in relation to Religion
- Philosophy, Religion and Heritage
- The History and Politics of Spiritual Heritage
- Archaeology of Religion
- The Heritage of Indigenous Medicines and Healing Systems
- Sacred Leaves, Trees and Flowers in South and Southeast Asian cultures?
- Tools of Communication vis-à-vis Culture and Religion
- Communicating and Representing Religious and Cultural Heritage through Modern Media
- Tourism and Pilgrimage Sites in South and Southeast Asia
- 'Housing' Heritage: Museology in Action
- Symbols, Art and Architecture in Regional Cultures

- Language, Literature and '*Learning*': Linking Culture and Religion
- History, Epigraphy and Numismatics
- Folklore, Ritual Performance and Oral History as Intangible Heritage
- South and Southeast Asian Diasporas: Carriers and Shapers of Heritage

Note:

The SSEASR operates under the policies and principles of the parent body International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), which seeks to promote the activities of all scholars and affiliates that contribute to the historical, social, and comparative study of religion. As such, the IAHR is the preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present. The IAHR is not a forum for confessional, apologetic, or other similar concerns.

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As the Vesak Celebrations (Buddha Purnima), the largest Buddhist Festival is on June 01, pre-Conference Tour is being worked out for the participants. We are also working on a 3 day post conference tour which would take you to all marvels of tangible heritage. Other details regarding the accommodation and the mode of payment for registration fee would be announced very soon. For details, and registration form online filling, please visit the website www.sseasr.org or email us at sseasr-srilanka@hotmail.com or secretariat@sseasr.org

Important Dates

Early Registration Deadline: February 15, 2015

Last Submission of Abstract: April 15, 2015

REGISTRATION FEES

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS

FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPANTS

Early Registration: SLR 4500	Early Registration: US \$300	Early Registration: US \$250
Late Registration: SLR 5000	Late Registration : US \$350	Late Registration : US \$300
Full Time Students: SLR 3000	Full Time Students: US \$200	Full Time Students: US \$150
Overseas Persons:US\$ 200	Retired Academicians:US\$250	Retired Academicians: US \$150

SSEASR/IAAH/SLABS Life Member: SLR 3000	SSEASR/IAAH/SLABS Life Member: US \$250	SSEASR IAAH/SLABS Life Member: US \$150
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The registration amount covers conference day meals, dinners, coffee/tea, conference publications, pickup service at the airport and entry to cultural and heritage sites and cultural evenings. It does not include air tickets, hotels and other personal expenses.

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